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inventions." See MPEP § 803 (emphasis added). In the present application, the prior art cited to teach the limitations recited in the claims directed to Invention I can also be used against the claims of Inventions II-III. Any search performed for Invention I will uncover the relevant prior art for Inventions II-III. In fact, it is likely that the same prior art will be cited against Inventions I-III if a rejection for the claims of the present application issues.

For these reasons, following the instructions of the MPEP, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Respectfully Submitted,

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